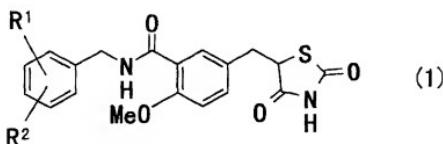


SUMMARY

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The invention provides novel substituted benzylthiazolidine-2,4-dione derivatives which increase the transactivation of receptor as a ligand of human peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) and exhibit the blood glucose-decreasing action and lipid-decreasing action, and a process for preparing them.

The invention relates to substituted benzylthiazolidine-2,4-dione derivatives represented by a general formula (1)



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wherein R<sup>1</sup> denotes a chlorine atom, bromine atom, nitro group, trifluoromethoxy group, ethoxy group, propoxy group or isopropoxy group, and R<sup>2</sup> denotes a hydrogen atom or chlorine atom, their medicinally acceptable salts, their hydrates and a process for preparing them.